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1. The following aircraft were observed over MOZHAISK (36°1' E/
55°30' N) (see Annex):

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a. Six to eight jet fighters approaching every day from MOS-
COW, heading west and returning after about 30 minutes.

(1) Characteristics of these planes: fuselages painted a
lusterless silver, 50 to 60 inches in diameter, length about
30 feet, in nose and rear apertures about 20 inches in dia-
meter. A metal tube, about 20 inches long and 20 mm in dia-
meter, extended beyond the blunt nose; mid-wing monoplane with
pronounced sweepback, wings without taper, wingspan about
35 feet; also elevator assembly with sweepback (span about
12 feet), rudder assembly in the shape of a shark fin, maxi-
mum speed 500 to 560 mph, strikingly good rate of climb,
permitting the craft to climb at an angle of almost 90° from
level flying.

b. A formation of three four-engine aircraft in mid-July 1949.

(1) Characteristics: pencil-shaped fuselage with pointed
rear, overall length about 100 feet, glazed cockpit, low-wing
monoplane, leading edge straight, tapered trailing edge, single
rudder assembly, a strikingly large number of gunner's stations
which could easily be recognized in the sun from the ground,
hollow engine roar, landing gear and tail wheel not visible
in flight.

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a. [REDACTED] sketch of the observed jet fighter does not show
much expert knowledge. The report is, however, an indication
that these swept-back designs of the 1948 model were built
in quantity and were delivered to air units for their reequipment.

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b. The observation of four-engine bombers, which are believed to have been B-29 duplicates and not PE-8s, is also proof of the presence of long-range bomber units in the area of MOSCOW. From the attached sketch it cannot be ascertained whether the bomber was actually provided with as many gunner's stations as shown on the attached sketch or whether some of the stations marked as such were not really installations for cameras or even a radar set.

Attachment: Aircraft Observed over MOZHAISK

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